

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A device $[(1)]$ for detecting at least one substance of a liquid $[(9)]$, having at least one piezo acoustic resonator $[(2)]$ comprising:

at least one polycrystalline piezoelectric layer $[(4)]$,

an electrode $[(5, 6)]$ disposed on the polycrystalline piezoelectric layer, $[(4)]$

at least one further electrode $[(6, 5)]$ disposed on the polycrystalline piezoelectric layer $[(4)]$, and

a surface section $[(8)]$ for sorption of the substance of the liquid $[(9)]$,

wherein the polycrystalline piezoelectric layer $[(4)]$, the electrodes $[(5, 6)]$ and the surface section $[(8)]$ are arranged with respect to one another in such a way that an electrical actuation of the electrodes $[(5, 6)]$ leads to an oscillation of the resonator $[(2)]$ at a resonance frequency and the resonance frequency is dependent on an amount of the substance sorbed on the surface section $[(8)]$,

a layer thickness $[(7)]$ of the polycrystalline piezoelectric layer $[(4)]$ is chosen from the range of 0.1 μm inclusive to 20 μm inclusive,

the resonance frequency of the oscillation is chosen from the range of 500 MHz inclusive to 10 GHz inclusive and

wherein the oscillation of the resonator is thickness shear mode oscillation $[(51)]$.

2. (original) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resonator (2) has a lateral extension (11) which is chosen from the range of 20 μm inclusive to 1000 μm inclusive.

3. (canceled)

4. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the piezoelectric layer (4) has a piezoelectric material which is at least one member selected from the group consisting of plumbum zirconate titanate, zinc oxide and aluminum nitride.

5. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resonator (2) is disposed on a semiconductor substrate (3).

6. (original) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein at least one device (15) is present to provide acoustic insulation of the resonator (2) and the semiconductor substrate (3).

7. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the surface section (8) for sorption of the substance of the liquid is disposed at a recess (13) of the semiconductor substrate (3).

8. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least one evaluation device (17, 18) is present for determining the resonance frequency of the resonator (2).

9. (original) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the evaluation device is an internal evaluation device (17) disposed in the semiconductor substrate (3).

10. (original) The device as claimed in claim 8, wherein the evaluation device is an external evaluation device disposed outside of the semiconductor substrate (3).

11. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 10, wherein at least one device (20) is present for

establishing electric contact between the resonator (2) and the external evaluation device (18), said device being a high frequency substrate which is at least one member selected from the group consisting of FR4 substrate and LTCC substrate.

12. (original) The device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the resonator (2) with semiconductor substrate (3) and the high frequency substrate (20) are connected to each other by means of a flip-chip technology.

13. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surface section (8) for sorption of the substance of the liquid (9) is formed by a chemically sensitive coating (10) of the resonator (2).

14. (original) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the resonator (2) has a protective layer (12) and the chemically sensitive coating (10) is applied to the protective layer (12).

15. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a plurality of resonators (2) are combined to form a resonator array (26) and each of the resonators (2) forms an array element (27) of the resonator array (26).

16. (original) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein each of the resonators (2) in the resonator array (26) serves to detect a specific substance.

17. (previously presented) The device as claimed in claim 15, wherein a spacing (28) between adjacent array elements (27) is chosen from the range of 50 μm inclusive to 1000 μm inclusive.

18. (previously presented) A method for detecting at least one substance of a liquid using a device according to claim 1, comprising the following method steps:

a) Bring the liquid and the piezo acoustic resonator into contact in such a way that the substance can be sorbed on the surface section of the resonator,
and

b) Determine a resonance frequency of the resonator, whereby the amount of the substance sorbed on the surface section can be deduced from the resonance frequency.

19. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the resonance frequency is determined in the presence of the liquid.

20. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the resonance frequency is determined in the absence of the liquid.

21. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 20, wherein after the liquid and the resonator are brought into contact and before the resonance frequency is determined the liquid is removed in such a way that the substance remains sorbed on the surface section of the resonator.

22. (original) A device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the chemically sensitive coating has molecules for detecting the substance.

23. (original) The device as claimed in claim 22, wherein the chemically sensitive coating has an immobilization layer for connecting the resonator and the molecules for detecting the substance.